

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION posthumously honoring "We the People The Citizen and the Constitution" educator Stanley O. Harris for his years of service to this nationally recognized civic education program and for his role in making Indiana a standard-bearer for said program;

Michael, Bell, VanDenburgh

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, One of the goals of the "We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution" competition is to "promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students"; and

Whereas, Since the beginning of the "We the People..." competition in 1987, more than 26 million students and 82,000 educators have participated, as well as members of Congress, businesses, professions, and community organizations across the nation; and

Whereas, The "We the People..." competition is based on a classroom curriculum that complements the regular school curriculum by providing upper elementary, middle, and high school students with an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of constitutional democracy in the United States; and

Whereas, The "We the People..." competition was designed to include a wide range of students with varying



abilities; and

Whereas, Stanley O. Harris taught "We the People..." for 17 years, changing the lives of thousands of students and helped create an enlightened and engaged citizenry aware of its rights, responsibilities and the principles behind the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, Stanley O. Harris continued his service to "We the People..." after retirement from the classroom by becoming the Indiana State Coordinator. Serving in that role for four years, Stanley O. Harris gave the program to tens of thousands of students, thousands of lawyers and hundreds of teachers, giving of his time selflessly and gracefully; and

Whereas, Stanley O. Harris inspired many of his former students to devote their lives and careers to civic education, and all of his students to lead the life of active and contributing citizens; and

Whereas, Involvement with "We the People..." allows students to develop a greater understanding of democratic principles and values and promotes political tolerance, civic education leaders, such as Stanley O. Harris, help prepare the youth of Indiana for a future that will encourage knowledge of and participation in our democratic system of government; therefore:

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the contributions of Stanley O. Harris to civic education in Indiana, recognizing his dedication to working towards an educated and engaged citizenry which will serve as a model for civic education leaders for generations to come.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
3 Stanley O. Harris and Indiana Bar Foundation to honor his memory.

